

Amendment No. 1 to SB0888

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 888\***

**House Bill No. 1468**

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1.

(a) There is created an advisory task force to study issues relative to hemp, including, but not limited to, the processing, testing, transporting, and regulation of hemp products, and its economic impact on rural areas of the state.

(b)

(1) The task force consists of twelve (12) members as follows:

(A) The speaker of the senate shall appoint six (6) persons with expertise or knowledge in the medical or agriculture community; and

(B) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint six (6) persons with expertise or knowledge in the medical or agriculture community.

(2) The task force shall elect a chair from its membership.

(c)

(1) Members of the task force:

(A) Shall examine the hemp program and crop regulations, testing standards, processing, and products being sold as consumables in this state; and

(B) May appoint designees to attend task force meetings on their behalf, subject to the approval of the chair.

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(d) The appointing authorities shall strive to ensure that the makeup of the task force reflects the racial, gender, geographic, urban, rural, and economic diversity of this state.

(e) The appointing authorities shall call the first meeting of the task force, which may hold up to three (3) scheduled meetings to hear testimony from members of the public and to solicit input from persons with expertise in the processing, transporting, and regulation of hemp products, and with knowledge of its economic impact on rural areas of the state.

(f) The task force must adopt its findings and recommendations by a majority vote of its total membership.

(g) The chair of the task force may call on appropriate state agencies for reasonable assistance in the work of the task force.

(h) The task force shall hold public meetings and utilize technological means, such as webcasts, to gather feedback on its recommendations for future regulatory meetings.

(i) The task force shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the general assembly no later than January 1, 2020, at which time it shall cease to exist.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.